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favor - that is, that I may not be  
put to any expense for storage -  
if the picture is not approved.  
after being inspected by the Committee  
- and is not considered worthy  
of a place in the gallery - it  
may be returned to me at once.

I believe I know something of  
how prisoners feel, while waiting  
for the verdict, and I hope General  
will not keep me waiting long  
er than is absolutely necessary,  
for I shall virtually be holding  
my breath, till I hear  
from you.

The picture tells its own tale  
and needs no explanation. I  
submit it to the Worcester  
Art gallery - hoping it may  
pass the Baronelles -

Very truly Yours

W. B. Coffeen

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Painting entitled  
"Christ and the Adulterers"  
offered for \$25.000.  
Painted by Otto Nolf

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others have expressed themselves perfectly so well pleased. Though hesitating to write their views for publication.

I will also send you, as soon as I can have it translated a short sketch of the artist's career, just received in the German language, and you will see, that, though little known in this country, this being his first picture seen here, the others having been immediately purchased by the Queen of Saxony and the Emperor of Germany, he stands in the front rank in Europe.

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Sincerely & Respectfully Yours -  
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Mrs MacLeod Esq  
Curator of the Corcoran Gallery  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir.

In relation to the great picture of "Christ & the Adulteress", of which we were speaking last week, I would say that I have since seen Mr Carmar, the owner, and he tells me you can have the picture at the price named last October, viz \$25,000. but this I would have you consider strictly confidential, unless



you effect the purchase.

You may remember the dimensions of the Canvas, 15 X 12, and that there are 34 figures, life size.

It was painted by Otto Wolf of Munich, a pupil of Bouguereau, and of Professor Loefz. who was engaged five years in the work.

It is unnecessary for me to go further with details, as you have already seen the picture. Should your trustees, after seeing the Photo-gravure (though no one knows better than yourself, how imperfect

a re-production the black & white picture is of a work so charming in color) express a desire to purchase, and wish to see the original, perhaps I might induce Mr. Larmer to ship it to you.

I have not the least doubt, that should your trustees secure this wonderful painting at the price named, you will receive the money back in entrance fees during the coming winter.

I enclose the opinions of the leading artists who have seen the picture, and



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ARTISTS' VIEWS  
OF  
OTTO WOLF'S  
CHRIST AND THE ADULTERESS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

MR. GEO. W. CARMER.

DEAR SIR:—I think that Otto Wolf's picture of "Christ and the Adulteress" is in many respects the finest work that has been shown here in many a day. The composition, color and execution are remarkably good, and the delineation of character and expression in many of the faces very fine indeed.

Yours truly,

T. MORAN.

37 West 22nd st.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

I was most favorably impressed by the picture of "Christ and the Adulteress," by Otto Wolf. It is, I think, one of the finest works of art ever exhibited in this country.

Very truly yours,

P. P. RYDER.

120 East 93d street.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

An engagement till late in the evening made my visit to Otto Wolf's "Christ and the Adulteress" so short that I am scarcely qualified to express a fair judgment. The picture pleased and interested me greatly for its composition, effect and strong character. The color is pleasing by the gas light, but cannot be seen truly without daylight.

Very truly yours,

D. HUNTINGTON.

49 East 20th st.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

Otto Wolf's picture, now on exhibition at your gallery, strikes one as a composition of much dignity, full of pleasing color, vigorously treated.

Yours very truly,

WM. J. WHITEMORE.

58 West 57th st.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

Otto Wolf's picture seems to be painted in a style which combines somewhat conventional, academic principles with true artistic feeling. The artist was evidently full of his subject and worked for something more than mere theatrical effect.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. C. CURRAN.

Vigorous in painting and dignified in conception. In management of light and shade it shows earnest, faithful study, but to me it lacks the feeling and dramatic force which the subject demands.

Greatly superior to the virginal display exhibited further down the street.

Respectfully,

ELLIOTT DANGERFIELD.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

I have not the slightest hesitation or objection to tell you privately just how much I admire the picture, but I have a feeling that it would not be altogether in good taste for me, home bred as I am, and walking almost exclusively in landscape, to publish my judgment of such a master of figure painting as Otto Wolf. My praise would not add a leaf to his laurels. I thank you very much for the opportunity that you have given me to study and admire the work.

Truly yours,

JAMES D. SMILLIE.

Studio, 337 Fourth ave.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26th, 1887.

Respecting the painting "Christ and the Adulteress," I would say, aside from the grand and impressive motif of the picture, that the technical qualities of the work are most enjoyable. It is masterly treated, with both strength and tenderness, while the management of cool greys reminds one of Tiarani and of Makart and is truly delightful in a painting so rich in tone.

Respectfully yours,

CHAS. A. MILLER, N. A.

Studio, 108 West 23d st.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th, 1887.

Your letter of the 23d is received. In reply let me say that I enjoyed my visit to your gallery very much. I consider Wolf's picture "Christ and the Adulteress," is a first class representative picture of the Munich school. It is excellent in color, full of beautiful and tender quality. The composition is good, light and shade excellently managed, and the picture should receive a great deal of attention from artists and people interested in art matters.

Very truly yours,

GILBERT GAUL.

51 West 10th st.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28th, 1887.

I had the pleasure of seeing your picture by Otto Wolf, of "Christ and the Adulteress." It is certainly a grand work and will take a foremost place among the great paintings of modern times. Mr. Wolf has shown himself in this work to be a master of drawing, color and composition, all of which he has well combined.

I am, very sincerely yours,

HERBERT A. LEVY.

Sherwood Studio, 58 West 57th st.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28th, 1887.

The picture of Otto Wolf, "Christ and the Adulteress," was a genuine surprise to me, as I had not expected to see so meritorious and artistic a piece of painting. It certainly stands head and shoulders over the majority of modern biblical representations I have seen of late. The figure of the crouching adulteress, for instance, is a beautiful bit of painting.

Very sincerely yours,

JOS. LAUBER.

The Benedict, 80 E. Washington Sq.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29th, 1887.

I think the picture "Christ and the Adulteress," by Otto Wolf, may be classed as one of the grandest of modern paintings. The Christ approaches nearer to my ideal than any other I have ever seen.

Very truly yours,

W. L. SONNTAG, JR.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30th, 1887.

I will freely say that the painting is a master piece in all respects. It is one of the best works I have ever seen of modern times. The American artists must feel grateful for the opportunity of admiring such a work as this. I am,

Yours very respectfully,

V. G. STIEPEVICH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2d, 1887.

Otto Wolf's "Christ and the Adulteress," seemed to me a very strong work and gave me much pleasure.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Y. TURNER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3d, 1887.

The view I had of the picture of "Christ and the Adulteress," was of course too cursory to permit any extended criticism, but it impressed me as pleasing in composition, drawing, color and general technique, comparing favorably in those respects with the other large canvasses now on special exhibition here.

Yours very truly,

J. C. NICOLL.

51 West 10th Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3d, 1887.

I take great pleasure in being able to express to you my profound admiration for Otto Wolf's large picture of "Christ and the Adulteress" now in your gallery. To me it is in many respects one of the finest pictures I have seen in America. Its superb color, combined with its rich, soft, refined greys, make it so exceedingly restful to the eye that one does not tire gazing at it. There are, as in every large picture, certain minor faults, but they are insignificant when the grand conception of the picture is considered.

I am most sincerely,

WM. VERPLANCK BIRNEY.

"The Benedict," 80 East Washington Sq.



OTTO WOLF'S

GREAT RELIGIOUS PICTURE OF

Christ and the

Adulteress,

NOW ON EXHIBITION AT THE ART GALLERIES OF

G. W. GARMER, 176 FIFTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK.



## CHRIST AND THE ADULTERESS.

**T**HIS charming picture of one of the most interesting events in the earthly career of the Savior, was painted in Munich, Bavaria, by OTTO WOLF, who though still a young man, has already achieved a reputation second to that of no historical painter of modern times.

His first large picture, "Florien Geyer," was exhibited in Berlin, in 1880, and was immediately purchased by the Emperor of Germany for his private collection.

Up to this time the artist was under the influence of the classical school of Dresden, his native city, but his ambition led him to aspire to something higher and his subsequent studies were conducted with the view of fitting him to become a painter of biblical scenes.

He had long cherished the idea of painting the subject of this canvas and to that end went to Paris, where, after serious work in copying the old masters in the Louvre, he placed himself under the tuition of Bouguereau. Subsequently he visited Palestine and upon the ground once trodden by the Son of Man, and where He worked miracles and taught the people the way of life, the enthusiastic young painter made careful studies of the ancient architecture of the Holy Land. He then went to Munich where he studied for a while under Professor Loeffz, and commenced the actual work upon the canvas for the production of this great picture of "Christ and the Adulteress." From his earliest youth he had always regarded this incident of Holy Writ as more clearly revealing the divinity and humanity of Christ than any other in sacred history.

The story is told in the 8th Chapter of St. John:—

2. "And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came unto Him; and He sat down and taught them."

3. "And the Scribes and Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4. "They said unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5. "Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou?"

6. "This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground *as though he heard them not.*

7. "So when they continued asking Him He lifted up Himself, and said unto them, 'He that is without sin amongst you, let him first cast a stone at her.'

8. "And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9. "And they which heard *it* being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10. "When Jesus had lifted up Himself, and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, 'Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?'

11. "She said, 'No man, Lord.' And Jesus said unto her, 'Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more.'"

With the shrewdness of a trained advocate He turned upon those who would confuse Him and while neither admitting nor denying the Mosaic law, confounded the woman's accusers by inviting him among them who was without sin to cast the first stone. Then as the conscience stricken multitude passed out of the temple, the divinity of his nature shone forth in his forgiving of the woman as he said, "go and sin no more."

## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

The merits of this picture have been extolled by the press of Europe and America wherever it has been seen. Following are a few extracts on the subject from the German periodicals where the painting was first exhibited last year and from the New York journals after the press view on the night of November 3d, 1887.

ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, 1886, No. 104.

After speaking of Munkacsy's painting, "Christ before Pilate," it compares it with Otto Wolf's "Christ and the Adulteress," and says, "The comparison is favorable to the yet unknown German artist. Otto Wolf's painting has obliterated the heretofore existing impression that an academic education, curbs rather than promotes the development of great genius and removes the foolish prejudice against youthful efforts in art. 'Christ and the Adulteress,' is original, bold and grand in its conception and faultless in composition. It depicts graphically and in various degrees the bigotry and indignation of the Scribes and the Pharisees and of the rabble, though, as in Munkacsy's painting, women are not wanting who show a feeling of compassion for the fair sinner. For instance, on the steps of the temple a young woman is looking pityingly at the accused as she kneels before Christ, and seems to forgive her, having, perhaps herself felt the pain of love. Christ is represented as of calm and noble mien. \* \* \* \* \*

The young artist has successfully calculated the effect of color in his painting. The light shining over the steps of the temple, the yellow silk robe of the central figure, the reflection of the light on the colored marble slabs on the staircase, the flesh color and the ash-blonde hair of the accused, the mosaic pavement of the synagogue, all have been painted faithfully and effectively."

DER SAMMLER, 1886, No. 46.

In a discussion upon art, *Der Sammler* says: "The figure of Christ expresses in its quiet and dignified attitude, in the slight contracting of the brows, exactly what it was designed to represent. For this no fantastic rolling of the eyes was needed. The whole action shows us the dignified man thoroughly convinced of the righteousness of his doctrine, who needs no external aid to illustrate effectively what he has said. His dignity and simplicity speak well for the conception of the artist who has not chosen the usual type for his hero. We have to congratulate a teacher like Loeffz, who can record such an achievement by his pupil. We hope that the young artist will continue his career, and that Munich, proud of such a work completed within its walls, will endeavor to secure permanently this genius."

N. Y. EVENING TELEGRAM, Nov. 4th, 1887.

"It is a great work."

N. Y. EVENING WORLD, Nov. 4th, 1887.

"There is a calm sweetness about the countenance which verges slightly toward a stolid phlegm."

THE N. Y. MORNING JOURNAL, Nov. 4th, 1887.

"The flesh tints of the Adulteress' naked shoulders, revealed above her dishevelled robes, are of the Watteau school, which denotes the artist's early training."

N. Y. STAR, Nov. 4th, 1887.

"The figure is grand in its proportions—totally different from both the figures of the Redeemer that Munkacsy has painted. It stands supreme and good among the discordant elements of the excited rabble. It is the representation of incarnated divinity, and the figure of the Adulteress, crouching, debased and yet hopeful, is its antithesis."

N. Y. HERALD, Nov. 4th, 1887.

"There is nobility in the handsome face of the Saviour \* \* \* The old chief-priest is an admirable figure. The guilty woman, kneeling at the Savior's feet is well posed, but her very light hair is out of keeping, being of a color rarely seen except in Northern Europe. Her partly bare back, in full light, is beautifully painted and modelled. The face and pose of a vindictive old man glaring at her from a seat is capital; there are excellent types among the men and one woman on the right; the boy with a stone in his hand is strongly painted, and the crowd on the steps to the left is good in general movement and individual gesture and expression."



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Professor Wm. MacLeod  
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Dear Sir:

We write to ask you  
 if it would be desirable for you to  
 have placed in the gallery, a very  
 fine painting of a Hunting Scene,  
 by Melchior, size 6 ft x 8 ft.  
 Mrs. Glacomb, No 3 owns this  
 painting, which is a very rare one,  
 but not having sufficient space  
 for it, would loan it to the gallery  
 for any length of time. It can  
 be seen at the above address.

Your answer will oblige

Yours very respy,  
 W. H. Houghton & Co.



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Prof Mac. Leod  
 Dr Sir:

In the letter we  
 sent you as to the Painting  
 of Mrs. Glcomb, we  
 gave the address incom-  
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 Dupont Circle.

Very truly  
 W. H. Houghton & Co.  
 per E. W. R.



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Brooks Isaac J

Residence Balt,

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For address of  
Weidenbach

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ISAAC BROOKS JR.  
Attorney at Law and United States Commissioner,  
11 1/2 LEXINGTON STREET,

Dec: 30/87  
" 30/87

BALTIMORE, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1887

Custodian Arcanaut Bully

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you but I have the liberty of so doing. I am very anxious to get the address of a Mr. Meidenbach, of Washington who has done work for you. If you know his address will you kindly place it on the inclosed Poked Card and put it in the letter box for me, and if not too much trouble will you send me his address. - As he has frequently told me that he has done work for you I hope that I may reach him in this way, as I understand he has moved his residence. By doing this for me I will be greatly obliged to you.

Respectfully

Isaac Brooks Jr.  
No 11 Lexington St. Baltimore



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Schulte Edward

Residence Dusseldorf,

Date Dec. 21. 1887,

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Answered

SUBJECT.

Ack & recpt of 16000 Marks  
for the Oswald Achenbach.

Sends Photos of two pic-  
tures by Andreas Achenbach.

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Eduard Schulte

Kunsthandlung. — Permanente Kunstausstellung,

Düsseldorf  
(Altestraße 42).Berlin W.  
(Unter den Linden 4<sup>a</sup>).Köln  
(Richartzstraße 16).Düsseldorf den Decr 21<sup>te</sup> 1857Dr. James C. Welling  
Washington.

Dear Sir

We have Your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. and have also received the check of 16000 Marks in payment of the painting by Oswald Achenbach „Church Festival in Naples“ Mr. Hyde, Your secretary, did send us. We have already acknowledged receipt of the check to Mr. Hyde.

As for the two paintings by Andreas Achenbach we see that the trustees

of the Corcoran Gallery of Art did not decide to the two or either one of them. We do not know the reason of their declining, but as it is the desire of Prof. Andreas Achenbach, who is anxious to have an important painting of his in the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the more, as it owns now such an excellent specimen of his younger brother's painting we feel obliged to make you another offer of two other paintings of his.

We beg to enclose photographs of the two. The size in centimeters we have marked on the back of the photographs. Both are first class works, worthy to represent the great artist in a public gallery as yours. The one is a Marine, pier of Ostend



with the Light house, stormy sea, Daylight. The other is a beautiful moonlight scene of Amsterdam, part of the old ward of this city. You can even judge by the photographs, that both the pictures are interesting compositions and well executed.

We are ready to send You both the pictures for inspection and propose to send them without the frames as the weight of the heavy gilt frames makes the transport so expensive. The two pictures can go as companions and we think the Corcoran Gallery ought to have two so good specimens of Andreas Achenbach. The very lowest price of each of the two is 4000 Dollars

Of course we can let You the refusal of the two pictures in case that they are not sold in the mean time. If possible, if You should like the pictures to be sent for inspection, You would oblige us by telegraphing us four words:

4 Schulte Kunsthandlung  
Düsseldorf. Send."

We prefer not to tell Prof Achenbach of the two paintings sent to You having been declined as we would spare him the disillusion and shall wait until we know what You think about acquiring another one or two of his pictures.

We need not say that considering his age. You ought not to wait long with the purchase of an Andreas Achenbach. We are, dear Sir,  
Yours very respectfully, Edward Schulte



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Andrew Achenbach

Scene of Amsterdam

(Moonlight)



103 x 158



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Andrew Adenbach  

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The Pier of Orkney



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Barmer Geo. H.

Residence 176 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, New York

Date Dec. 27. 1887

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SUBJECT.

Noticis with regard  
to the painting of "Christ  
and the Adulteress" by  
Otto Molf -

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## GALLERY AND STUDIO.

### Two Important Works by Wolf and Piloty.

"Christ and the Adulteress" and the "Wise  
and Foolish Virgins"—Local Exhibitions.  
The Academy—Anthony Comstock.

New York is well supplied with exhibitions where the attraction is a single picture. There are the "Christ on Calvary," "Elaine," "Pergamon," "The Wise and Foolish Virgins" and "Christ and the Adulteress," the last two being recent additions to the pictorial sights of the metropolis. "Christ and the Adulteress," on view at the Carmer gallery, on Fifth avenue, is a large canvas with pictures nearly or quite the size of life. Its painter is Otto Wolf, a young German, who has studied under the best French draftsmen and the most solid German painters, but who has developed a style as much his own as Munkacsy's. He at once suggests Munkacsy because of his subject and his sobriety of tone, but he has none of the Hun's brutality of method, and his color is quietly rich rather than soggy. It might be wished that he had more of Munkacsy's splendid vitality and impulse, and it would be to Munkacsy's advantage if he possessed a measure of Wolf's power of self control and innate refinement. The scene is apparently a court of justice—or court of injustice, as it often proved to be—and the woman, with robe fallen from her shoulders, is cowering on the floor before her accusers, while Christ stands before them with composed but sorrowful face and pronounces against them in the simple but biting sentence, "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone." The painter has even excelled Munkacsy in showing the low qualities that the Jewish faces can be made to exhibit, the hardness, bigotry, eagerness to inflict injury, but a face that might have risen in command before a martial people before it was saddened by centuries of persecution and narrowed by habits of avarice. Among the faces of the women are several of gentleness and beauty and the children, too, are without any of the hardness of countenance that their elders show. The composition is good and centers in the figures of Christ, the weeping woman and a rabbi, while the key is apparently so low that one does not realize for a time how much of color the picture has.

Piloty's "Wise and Foolish Virgins" is another big and important picture with a surprise in it,

*Brooklyn Eagle*



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Clary Frank-2	Leaycraft Jno	Schultz D
Corcoran Joseph	Levy A	Shuman Chas
Currie G E	Leggett J Howard	Sturly Edw
Cry E S	Lenz Frank	Schumir Jacob
Davitt J P	Lingberg G W	Sullivan James
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Dean W S	Lliss Elijah	Taylor A S
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Douglass Eugene	Manny P J	Thomas D
Dobbier Frank	Mathisen D	Thornstensen C H
Dodd Chris	Maguire Jno H	Thomas Ned
Dugan Bart	Mason Geo S	Thornton T
Dunn John	Martin Wm H	Turpening J
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Dunn J F	Manhill Fran	Tuttle J
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Elfers Charles	Mack Henry	Urich Jacob
Endres John M-3	Martin R	VanBenschoten O
Epart Charles	Magwood G	-2
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Earl T	Meier Gussi	Van Buskirk J M
Esterbrook Geo	Medell Geo	Vredenburgh J T
Evans T	Milner G C	Vail Reg E
Evans Thomas J	Mills W C	Walsh Thomas
Everet S P	Mollman E C	Waite E P
Evans John	Moore Geo	Watson Robt
Farrar Emory	Morey Chas	Wahl F
Franz Vick	Morresy James	Walker John
Frank John	Mormic James	Waring G
Feney J F	Morgan Geo W	Walters Geo
Fenn Frank	Modlebaum M	Wallace C
Feeley Bodger	Monk Elliott	Weirz Jacob
Flett John A	Moahan Patk	Welcome Jos
Finegan John	Mullery Thos	Westerfield Cor
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Ficken John	Geown Jno	Whitman Geo H
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Foster J	Garry Patk	Whitecombe Jos
Ford Peter	Hugh James	Williams James
Fowler Horace	Kinney J W	Wright G E
Fordnan Lud	Kinney Robt H	White Richard
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Fulford Mr	Quinsy Mr	Wiederer W
Fuerstenberg C H	Shane Patk	Whittier Samuel A
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Graft Gussie	Nelson Henry	Worlock W W
Grace L A	Nee Owen	Wood David
Garcia Atanif	Nelson Mr	Yellott D P
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Gardner M D, J M	Nilsson Robt	Young Mr
Gallagher Martin	Nichols C A	Zeitler Wm
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Wheatland and hosts of others of the belles and buds, besides quite a number of New Yorkers.

#### WEDDING OF ANOTHER BELLE.

On the evening of the same day another society wedding, calling forth many of the same guests, occurred at the house of General Francis Winthrop Palfrey, in Beacon street, at eight o'clock, when his eldest daughter, Miss Marian Palfrey, was married to Mr. E. Preble Motley, of Nahant. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Phillips Brooks was very quiet, only the family and immediate friends being present, but a brilliant reception followed, to which 1,200 guests had been bidden. The great house was a blaze of light throughout the evening, and the lower part of it was most profusely ornamented with every choice variety of foliage and tropical plant and rare flower. The company which thronged the parlors and hall was a most representative one, as both the bride and groom are of the highest social position. The former, who is a distinguished looking girl, with brown hair and eyes and graceful carriage, wore a heavy white satin trimmed with rich old lace. Her veil was of tulle, and she carried a loose bunch of white roses. Mr. E. P. Whitney and Samuel Hammond, Jr., were the ushers. Many very elegant toilets were worn, noticeably those of Mrs. Palfrey, the stately mother of the bride; Mrs. Edward Motley, the mother of the groom, and Mrs. Thomas Motley, Jr. The venerable jurist, Mr. Sidney Bartlett, grandfather of the bride, was among the first to offer his congratulations. The young couple will spend their honeymoon on the Continent, returning soon after the holidays, when they will live with Mrs. Motley's parents, General and Mrs. Palfrey.

#### A NEW YORK BRIDEGROOM.

Wednesday night Trinity Church was brilliantly lighted and most elaborately decorated for the wedding of Miss Isabelle Sawyer, daughter of Mr. Joseph Sawyer, of Commonwealth avenue, president of the Burlington Woollen Company, and Mr. Lawrence W. Miller, of New York, and a Wall street broker. Rev. Phillips Brooks officiated. The chancel, which is spacious enough to admit of the finest floral effects, was filled with rare specimens of tropical plants while the font was brilliant with chrysanthemums in picturesque variety. A novel feature was the decoration of the first half dozen pews on either side of the main isle, reserved for relatives, with roses and ferns. The ceremony took place at seven o'clock, when a large company had filled the church, including many guests from New York. As a reception was to follow, the ladies were in full evening dress, which added greatly to the brilliancy of the scene.

#### A BLONDE BRIDE.

The bride, who is a petite blonde and very pretty, entered the church with her father. She looked decidedly *spirituelle* in a white satin gown, full train and square cut corsage, trimmed with orange blossoms, and fastened with a diamond pin. A spray of



## "CHRIST AND THE ADULTERESS."

THE LARGE CANVAS BY OTTO WOLF ABOUT TO  
BE PLACED ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

New York is certainly getting its share of exhibitions of large canvases depicting scenes from the life of Christ.

The "Christ Before Pilate" of Munkacsy, which was a feature of the last art season, is now in the West, while its pendant, "Christ on Calvary," occupies its place in the Twenty-third Street Tabernacle, sacred to the memory of the late Salmi Morse's abortive attempt to produce a "Passion Play."

And now comes "Christ and the Adulteress," by Otto Wolf, a painter of the Munich school who has not been to Dusseldorf.

This canvas, which, though large, by no means approaches in size the huge creations of M. Munkacsy's brush and brain, was displayed at a "press view" in Mr. George W. Carner's art galleries last night. It will be on invitation "private view" tomorrow afternoon and evening and on public exhibition from Monday next.

### THE PICTURE'S HISTORY.

"Christ and the Adulteress" appeared at the Berlin "Jubilee" display last year, and was bought in Munich by Mr. Carner. It is an interesting and vigorously painted though unequal canvas, filled with many figures, the far greater number of which are of well chosen Jewish types. The work is well composed, has a pleasing quality of tone, and is refined though not very brilliant in color.

The manner and coloring of Herr Wolf recall both Leibl, of Munich, and the late Markart, of Munich and Vienna. To those who are familiar with the works of Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Philadelphia, it may be said that much of the painting of the architecture of the Temple resembles them in its peculiar sugar candy quality. As the figures stand in the majority of cases in good relief, this effect is strikingly natural in the white and variegated mables, and not disagreeably prominent in the dark woodwork of the seats.

### PRINCIPAL FIGURES.

There is nobility in the handsome face of the Saviour, but his feet are much too large. The old chief priest is an admirable figure. The guilty woman kneeling at the Saviour's feet is well posed, but her very light hair is out of keeping, being of a color rarely seen except in Northern Europe. Her partly bare back in full light is beautifully painted and modelled. The face and pose of a vindictive old man glaring at her from a seat is capital; there are excellent types among the men and one woman on the right; the boy with a stone in his hand is strongly painted, and the crowd on the steps to the left is good in general, movement and individual gesture and expression.

Many of the faces, however, are too sketchy and lack modelling, and the perspective treatment of several of the figures is untrue. However, with all its faults—evidently due, partly, to the fact that the painter is yet young—the canvas shows fine qualities and is well worthy of examination.

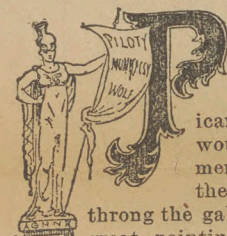
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## FOUR FAMOUS GENIUSES. The Great Artists, Munkacsy, Makart, Piloty and Wolf.

The Early Life of the Talented Quartet. Their Heroic Struggles and Well-Earned Triumphs.

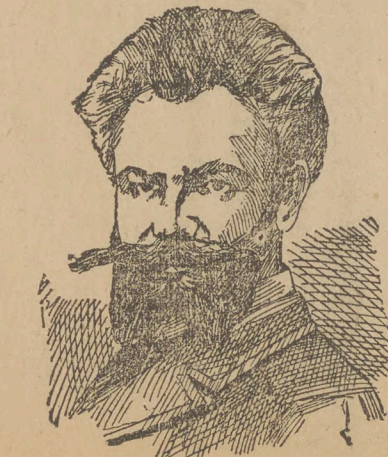


PERHAPS those Europeans who have such a poor opinion of the American taste for good art would reverse their judgment if they could see the crowds that daily throng the galleries where the six great paintings by Makart, Munkacsy, Piloty and Wolf are displayed. It must be more than a spirit of idle curiosity which prompts so many to visit these masterpieces of the Old World, for since the Metropolitan Museum gained that noble collection of the late Miss Wolfe, New Yorkers need not be ashamed that they have no gallery worthy of so great a city.

The success last year of the great illuminated picture, "Christ Before Pilate," was undoubtedly the reason why so many other notable works have been displayed for public view this Winter. While the managers of these exhibitions have decidedly other motives than posing as social missionaries in elevating the aesthetic taste of the people, the influence of these noble works can only have a good effect on the minds of the million who view them.

It might not be out of place just here to take a look at the lives of the four men whose brushes have proved so potent in providing the highest form of pleasure and intellectual benefit to the people of New York this Winter. We class the four painters together because their works are now most prominently before us, and not because they occupy the same plane of artistic merit and individual importance.

To only a few who have sat in the darkened auditorium of the Twenty-third Street Tabernacle in the presence of Christ and his judges, or in the awed shadows of the Crucifixion, has come the thought of the inspired hand that made those half-comprehended scenes of divine history living truths. To others who are acquainted with the early life of Michael de Munkacsy, there arises another picture no less wrought with pain and misery as the great paintings that



Michael de Munkacsy.

have made his name a familiar echo in all lands. The picture of a bare room, with broken windows and disordered furniture, as if it had been the scene of a recent struggle, and on the floor the body of a murdered woman. In the background a little peasant boy is standing with eyes wide open and tousled hair, unconscious of the presence of death. The little orphan was Michael de Munkacsy and the murdered woman his aunt, with whom he came to live after the death of his father, a follower of the fortunes of Kossuth. The house in which his relative lived was in a desolate region, much infested by lawless, roving bands, and one night the house was plundered and his only protector killed.

After that terrible incident in his early life, which is still vivid in the painter's memory to-day, he was apprenticed to a carpenter and joiner, and for six years his mind was engrossed with nothing more serious than sawing and nailing and planing. Education was denied him, but his mind was already reaching out for the truths that lay beyond his grasp. The kindness of some collegians who taught him how to read and write was the first step toward education, and he devoured all the books that came in his way, particularly works of poetry.

The first steps Munkacsy made in the way of painting was ornamenting a bureau with gaudy flowers for a bridal trousseau, and later he tried his hand at figures on the trunk belonging to an old Servian. The budding artist's salary at this time of his career amounted to a dollar a week, and for this munificent sum he worked from twelve to fifteen hours a day. The natural result was that even \$1 in Hungary would not buy a week's food, and the artist broke down completely. After a long and wasting illness it was Munkacsy's pleasure to visit the studio of the portrait painter Szamozy and see him at work. The was undoubtedly the turning point in his career, for from that time he thought of nothing but being an artist. A distant relative who had come into a small sum of money was induced to lend Munkacsy enough to take a few lessons. He lived on little or nothing so as to pursue his studies, and painted the portraits of a whole tailor's family in order to procure a new coat.

Money becoming exhausted, he wandered to Pesth as a mechanic, making strange acquaintances by the way—gypsies, vagabonds and strolling characters of every sort. Arriving at the city he lived a hand-to-mouth existence painting portraits. His only piece of luck was when he sold two pictures to the Art Union for what seemed to him then a huge fortune.

He set out again on his travels, but Vienna proved unfriendly and he drifted to Munich and thence to Dusseldorf, painting much and gaining steadily in favor. It was here that he painted his first celebrated painting "The Last Day of a Man Condemned to Death." He sent it to the Paris Salon of 1870 at the solicitations of his friends. It took the medal, was the most talked about picture of the year, and the unknown painter woke to find himself famous.

From that time Munkacsy's career was a series of triumphs. He painted in rapid succession "The Pawnbroker's Shop," now in possession of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; "Interior of a Studio," belonging to Mr. L. J. Osborne of this city, representing the artist in his studio, and a dozen lesser works unfamiliar on this side of the water.

His greatest paintings are "Christ Before Pilate," "Christ on Calvary" and "The Death of Mozart," his last painting, in possession of ex-Governor Alger, of Michigan, which New York may yet have the pleasure of seeing. M. de Munkacsy is at present engaged in painting the ceiling of the Imperial Museum at Vienna, by order of the Emperor. The price of the work is \$60,000.

### Makart and His Masterpieces.

New York has certainly had its share this Winter of the great works of Hans Makart, a pupil of Piloty and one of the most famous apostles of the fleshy school. His works are of that light and picturesque quality which seems to appeal particularly to the American taste in art. "The Five Senses," now on exhibition on East Fourteenth street, and "Diana's Hunt," at the American Art Galleries, have proved potent attractions to draw the dollars from the pockets of the metropolitans.

Little or nothing is known of Makart's boyhood. He was born at Salzburg in 1840,

and at the age of eighteen was a pupil of Rubens at the Vienna Academy. How different the influence would have been on his paintings in after life, had he remained there, no one can guess, but he had some quarrel with the authorities and left after a few months and returned home. Here he had the good fortune to attract the attention of a rich nobleman who sent him to Munich, where he studied with a relative, and then at the Academy under Piloty. To the influence and enthusiasm of this painter it has been said that he owed the entire methods of his composition. Those who



Otto Wolf.

are familiar with the works of the two can judge for themselves how much the arts of one colored the other's efforts.

After much traveling Makart settled permanently in Vienna, having been invited there by the Emperor Francis Joseph, who caused to be fitted up for the artist's benefit a most magnificent studio. This work-room was perhaps the most sumptuous the world ever saw. It was large almost as the courtyard of a palace and its walls were hung with the most costly draperies from Persia and India. Richly furnished and crowded with bric-a-brac and curios, it was a perfect museum of wonderful art treasures.

The last years of the great painter's life were saddened by a terrible malady. His peculiarities and eccentricities, which his friends and his devoted wife set down as the outgrowth of an overworked brain of genius, terminated in a fatal madness. During the last months the unfortunate artist labored under the hallucination that his head was a paint-box, and after much mental suffering he died in October of the year 1884.

His principal works are "Venice doing Homage to Catarina Carnavo," exhibited here during the Centennial Exposition; "Fellah Woman" in the Wolfe collection at the Museum of Art; "Entry of Charles V. into Antwerp," which received the medal of honor at the Paris Exhibition of '78, and is now in the Hamburg Museum; "The Five Senses" and "Diana's Hunt" now on exhibition in this city.

### Otto Wolf.

Otto Wolf, who painted the large canvas of "Christ and the Adulteress," that has been the attraction of Carner's gallery on Fifth avenue, has not had the hard struggle that is the usual lot of men of genius. His earlier efforts seem to have found approving judges, as his first painting, a small one, was purchased by the Queen of Saxony.

Attempting a more ambitious work, "A Scene from the War of the Peasantry," it received from the judges of the Dresden Art Exhibition the only gold medal that was awarded to painters. This picture, which attracted widespread notice at the time, was placed afterward in the Berlin Gallery of Art, where it was noticed by the Emperor of Germany, who secured it for his own private collection.

Mr. Wolf studied after that with Bouguereau in Paris and was several times awarded with a first prize. "Christ and the Adulteress," his greatest work, created a profound impression in the Munich and Parisian art circles. At the Berlin Exposition the painting was accorded a prize and is now the property of the London Art Gallery.

### Karl Von Piloty.

Karl Von Piloty, whose superb painting "The Wise and Foolish Virgins," has been enjoyed by thousands of visitors to the Yandell Gallery, on Nineteenth street, is of Munich origin. He did not have to suffer in his early years like Munkacsy or other strugglers in the field of art, having been born of well-to-do parents and enjoyed all the benefits that a good art education could confer. His father was a lithographer of note, and engaged at one time in reproducing in color the masterpieces of the renowned painters in the chief Munich Art Gallery. Young Piloty at an early age was introduced to the brilliant colorists, Rubens, Van Dyke and Velasquez, and particularly the works of the first-named master aroused his enthusiasm and admiration. The death of his father compelled him to give up his studies for a while to take charge of the lithographic business, but he found time in his leisure to make chance copies from the old masters.

His intimacy with Karl Schorn, the principal historical painter of Munich, gave him a liking for historical subjects, and he was commissioned by the Duke Maximilian of Bavaria to execute a monumental history painting on "The Foundation of the Catholic League." Two years later he was made Professor of the Academy, and his influence on the Munich school of painting raised it above the changes of time. The rivalry which existed between him and the director of the Academy, Kaulbach, did not divert him from the high ideal he had raised for himself in art, though it served to keep him from following the other style.

For thirty years Piloty's influence was felt in the Munich Academy, and it was only last year that he died at the age of sixty, still at his work and while engaged in painting the figure of Alexander that was to complete the picture, "The Death of Alexander." Piloty's most important works were "The Death of Wallenstein" and "The Wise and Foolish Virgins." The last-named is the only important work that is not the property of some national gallery.

### A CHRISTMAS BOX.

What time the holidays roll 'round,  
The bad boy still in frocks,  
Led by the ear, to his na draws near,  
And getteth his Christmas box.  
Texas Siftings.

### A Practical Christmas Present.

First Dude—"That Clara is just the most thoughtful girl in creation; you know she gave me a cane for a Christmas present?"

Second Dude—"Yes."  
"Well, it's three times as thick as my old one and has a sharp prong on the end like an alpenstock."

"I never saw one like that."  
"No, I suppose it's to stick in the ground and hold on to when the wind blows." Omaha World.

### CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS.

The best kind of a Christmas slipper—slipper five-dollar bill in your needy neighbor's hand. Texas Siftings.

Clergymen's wives have barrels of slippers sent in as presents, and they would do well if they used some of them on their children. New Orleans Picayune.

If you intend giving your young man the material for a pair of feet-covers don't forget to slipper dollar with it to pay for making them up. Yonkers Statesman.

Don't try to hide your big feet under the sofa when you see your girl gazing at them intently. She may be estimating their size preparatory to working you a pair of slippers for Christmas. Dansville Breeze.

Now, in working slippers neatly,  
Girls prepare for Christmas Day;  
By and by they'll work them fleetly  
In a more emphatic way.  
Boston Budget.



# CHRISTMAS DAY CUSTOMS.

Festivities in the Olden Time—The Yule Log—Carols, Bell-Ringing and Boisterous Mirth.

Christmas Day in the primitive Church was observed as the Sabbath Day and like that was preceded by a vigil, from which arose our Christmas Eve.

At this time it was the custom of our ancestors (and one still practised in many parts of England) to turn night into day by lighting immense tapers made for the occasion and called Christmas candles, and the burning of the Yule-log, Yule-log, or the Christmas-block, as it was variously termed. These illuminations, which have come to be expressions of festivity and victory, were doubtless first used as religious symbols, and were typical of Christ, the Light of all lights, who came into the world, as it was supposed, at this time. Making bright the whole house, and giving a tone of comfort and good cheer, it is not to be wondered at that the Christmas candles and Yule-blocks came to be regarded as harbingers of good fortune, and to form the nucleus about which associated a host of superstitions.

The Yule-blocks were great logs cut from large trees, which required the strength of several brawny hands and arms to roll them into the wide, open fireplace. This preliminary performance was not without its pleasures, if we may believe the olden song-makers.

Come bring, with a noise,  
My merry, merry boys,  
The Christmas log to the firing;  
While my good dame she  
Bids, ye all be free,  
And drink to your heart's desiring,

wrote one, while another makes mention of  
A mighty jug of sparkling cyder brought,  
With brandy mixt, to elevate the guests.

The festivities were fairly begun when the enormous log was high on the fire and blazing; the singing of Christmas carols, the ringing of bells, eating and drinking, and dancing, entered largely into these merry-makings, which, in England, extended from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Day. Among other superstitions regarding the Christmas log is the one that brings special blessing when the new block is lighted with last year's brand; also one that apprehends serious family dissensions if the log throws out crackling sparks; and the one that believes cleanliness necessary to the kindling of a successful fire. The old rhyme in regard to this last one says:

Wash your hands, or else the fire  
Will not tend to your desire.  
Unwashed hands, ye maidens know,  
Dead the fire, though ye blow.

Christmas-tide, as this season of merry-making was termed in England, was observed with great splendor at the Court. Heralds and trumpeters fantastically dressed, with a Lord of Misrule to preside over them, were appointed, and, if we may credit many of the records of their doings, there was not only minstrelsy, mirth and dancing, but much that was boisterous and unseemly in their sports. One of the most serious offences that could be committed at this time was to be grave or wise. The sorrows of the bereaved were not allowed to cloud the universal joy.

## THE MINISTER'S SLIPPERS.

For weeks they've been busy, have Susie and Fan  
And Carrie and Nettie and May.  
And the rooms of the bachelor clergyman  
Are littered with slippers to-day.

He's a fortunate wight and we haven't a doubt  
But obliged to the fair ones he feels.  
For he needn't go round in a pair that are out  
At the toes and run down at the heels.

As this is the season the poor to befriend,  
A due to be kind to each other,  
We suggest, with respect, that the bachelor send  
A pair to some poor married brother.

Boston Courier.

## JERSEY CITY JINGLES.

Weddings and Joyous Christmas Gatherings Fill a Noteworthy Week.

Miss Rose Datz was married to Mr. George Kato at her parents' residence on Jersey avenue, Tuesday evening. The Rev. Dr. Heht performed the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Misses Ethel and Lizzie Datz and the groomsmen, Mr. William Meyer.

Miss Delia Van Zee was married to Mr. George Britton Wednesday evening at her residence on Lexington avenue. The Rev. Dr. Vaughan officiated. The pretty bride was attired in brown silk, and carried roses.

Miss Fannie Lawrence, of Elizabeth, was married the same evening to Mr. E. Stillman.

The tenth anniversary of the Jersey City Teachers' Association was celebrated last week at the Tabernacle. President George Lindsley made an address after which the Ricca Mandolin Quartet, Mrs. Baron Anderson, Miss Sarah Cowell, Miss Ella Earl and Mr. Victor Baier entertained the audience.

The Conversazione Club held a brilliant reception Tuesday at the residence of Misses Grace and Eva Houston on Varick street. Among the ladies present were Misses Vance, Rouse, Dawson, Frost and Kimball.

Mr. Charles Hoppenheimer, of the Heights, has just celebrated his birthday by a reception.

The Jersey City Social Society will hold a reception on Tuesday evening at the residence of Miss McAnerney, on Barrow street.

Misses A. and S. Flemming, of Grand street, will give a Christmas reception to their friends on Monday evening.

A reception was held at Crescent Hall by the "Stag" society Thursday evening.

Messrs. Kelsey, Timson, Soper, Gardner and Henderson had charge. Among the belles present were Misses Kane, Horstman, Tilden, Smith, Sloan, Simmons, Hoffman and Schraeder.

The pupils of Hasbrouck's Institute gave a Christmas entertainment on Friday.

The Covenant Band, of the Tabernacle, of which Mrs. J. L. Scudder is president, held a pleasing little reception Thursday.

The Misses Underwood, of Sipp avenue, will give a reception to their friends Friday evening.

The Young Ladies' Aid Society of Grace P. E. Church are rehearsing a play.

The music committee of St. Matthew's Sunday-school, which includes Mrs. William T. Hance and Miss Mamie Evans, have arranged a fine entertainment for Wednesday evening.

## HOBOKEN HAPPENINGS.

Santa Claus Stirs Up Fun and Frolic—Some Notable Weddings.

The marriage of George Franke to Miss Ethel Ebers, of Brooklyn, took place last Wednesday evening.

Another wedding of the past week is that of George Pfaler to Miss A. Heinze. The ceremony took place at the German Lutheran Church, on Hudson street.

James Best, of this city, is engaged to Miss Ida Mumford.

Mme. Jurish gave her annual Christmas carnival last week. Some very pretty fancy dancing was done.

The German Club will dance the old year out and the new year in at their club-house on Hanson street.

On Wednesday evening the Harmonie Social and Dramatic Circle gave a pretty entertainment and dance at Turn Hall, on Park avenue.

The Ivanhoe Literary Society, composed of the high school graduates of the class of '83, will give a reception at Turn Hall Wednesday evening.

The public schools held their usual holiday exercises last week.

The Ladies' Temperance Society and the young men of St. Mary's T. A. B. Society have united.

Hoboken Lodge F. and A. M. installed its officers on Thursday evening. A banquet followed at Naegel's Hotel.

The Euclid Social Club will hold its next monthly soiree at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening.

Company A, Second Regiment, are making preparations on a grand scale for their coming exhibition drill and reception.

Miss Van Saggen was very pleasantly sur-

prised at her residence on Bloomfield street last week, on her birthday.

The Rev. Father Corrigan will entertain the Cosmos Club at the rectory Thursday evening.

The members of the Turn Verein gave a complimentary reception and dinner last Monday evening to the gentlemen who assisted them at their recent fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Dart, of Bloomfield street, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their wedding last week. At midnight a sumptuous meal was served.

School Trustee Anton Muller gave a grand reception at his residence on Monday evening in honor of his birthday.

The Euterpe Singing Society will give a sociable at Odd Fellows' Hall next Thursday evening.

A full dress New Year's reception will be given by the Everett Club at the residence of their president, George L. McDonald.

The social event of next week will be a grand calico necktie and apron surprise party, which will be held at Harmonia Hall.

A dolls' fair, similar to the one held last year, is among the probabilities for next week.

A parlor entertainment was given Thursday evening by the Byron Club.

Everybody and his cousin was at the masquerade sociable of the Merry Eight last Wednesday evening.

The advent of the new year will be appropriately celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoffman and their friends at their residence on Willow avenue.

## GOOD LUCK TO ALL STOCKINGS.

'Tis but a few short months ago  
Since, like a cyclone's sudden blow,  
There rang a mighty cry of woe  
From hearts with bitterness adlow,  
"Confusion to the stock kings!"

But now that cry is hushed, for here  
The joyous Christmas time draws near;  
Forgotten wrong, forgotten fear,  
All cry as with one voice, "Good cheer,  
Good luck to all the stockings."

Boston Budget

## SWEET WEDDING BELLS.

Bridgeport Society in a Flutter Over Three Prominent Weddings.

Special to The Morning Journal.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., December 24.—During the past week Hymen has lassoed three of Bridgeport's prettiest and most popular society ladies. Miss Kittie P. Meeker was the first victim and the lucky groom was Mr. Clarence N. Platt, of New Haven, who is at present a student in the Homeopathic Medical College in New York. The wedding occurred in the Trinity Church last Tuesday afternoon.

The church was completely filled with friends and invited guests. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white satin, trimmed with orange-blossoms. A solitaire diamond sparkled in her hair. Miss Meeker has long been popular in this city as an amateur actress and a soprano vocalist of rare ability. After the wedding supper the bride and groom left on the 9:30 train for an extensive tour South.

At the residence of Mrs. Frank Meeker, No. 146 East Main street, on December 20, Miss Hattie Meeker and Mr. Fred B. Wakeman were married. The house was richly decorated and numerous presents and many friends helped materially to make the occasion one of unalloyed happiness. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome pair of diamond earrings. After a short tour Mr. and Mrs. Wakeman will take up their residence in this city.

The marriage of Miss Marietta Courter to Esley Walker Dunning, of Detroit, stirred up society somewhat. The happy occurrence took place on the 21st at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 338 Fairfield avenue. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of white silk trimmed with moire antique and lace. The Rev. L. R. Streeter officiated. A large variety of presents were displayed, consisting of a solid-silver service, sealskin cloak, solitaire diamond earrings, a check for \$3,000 and numerous other quiet little keepsakes. The happy couple left for New York on the 9:06 for the East, and after a short tour will reside in Detroit.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The dawn of Christmas draweth near,  
Man's case, indeed, is surely hard;  
To give a watch or ring, oh, dear!  
And get perhaps a Christmas card.

Boston Budget

## IN MRS. MACKAY'S MUSIC-ROOM.

Albani and Trebelli Sing a Duet on a Tiny Stage Lit by Fairy Lamps.

Mrs. Mackay's music-room in Buckingham Gate, with its panelled picture and golden-white ceiling, never looked more picturesque than it did on Friday afternoon when Mme. Albani and Mme. Trebelli stood together on the tiny stage edged with flowering shrubs and fairy lamps to sing Gounod's new duet, says the London World. Mme. Albani wore the wonderful Brussels lace flounces which once belonged to Mme. Dieffens, over mauve silk, and Mme. Trebelli was in peacock blue. Mrs. Dutton Cook played with her well-known skill and taste, and Mrs. Bernard-Beere, exquisitely dressed in pale yellow, moved every one to tears with the "First Quarrel."

Every seat was occupied, and among the audience were the Lady Mayoress, Lady de Trafford, Eleanor Lady Westbury, Lady Fanny Fitzwygram, Lady Southampton, Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Mackay herself, who has no intention whatever of giving up her house in London. The whole of the guests were afterward entertained by Mrs. Mackay at tea.

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not accepted it when the  
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purchased another painting  
and did not need this.

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Dec. 27th, 1887.

J. W. Lead, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you  
a verbatim translation of the  
artistic career of Otto Wolf,  
as promised, together with a  
few clippings from the N.  
Y. papers, which, as you will  
readily see, are not culled as  
approvals. They are all the  
honest convictions of the  
writers detailed as experts  
by their respective journals.  
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to say, that this is the best religious historical  
painting in this country, and, if comparisons  
were not invited, I know a committee of artists  
would so decide.

I am

Very sincerely Yours

J. W. Carmer



In a letter received from Otto Walf on the 15th of December, 1887, he says:-

"My first painting, a small one, was purchased by the Queen of Saxony. Then came my first historical painting of consequence 'A Scene from The War of the Peasantry', and I was accorded at the Dresden art exhibition the only gold medal awarded to art painters. The canvas was next placed in the Berlin gallery of Art, from which the Emperor of Germany secured it for his private gallery. I next continued my studies in Paris in the atelier of M. Bonquereau, where I several times was awarded the first prize. Later on I finished the great painting 'Christ and the Adulteress' which created a profound impression in Munich, and in the Berlin exposition was accorded a prize."



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Dec 29/87

From

B. H. STINEMETZ & SON.

Hats, Furs and Umbrellas.

1237 Penn'a Avenue.

Washington, D. C.,

Dec 28 1887

To Mr. F. P. Barbarin  
Corcoran Art Gallery

Dear Sir.

I met in my some days ago  
Mr. Boughton of Albany (being in the same  
business) he informed me that he is the brother  
of the Artist who painted the "Heir Apparent"  
and having seen copies of small size of the  
painting, Mr. Boughton desires that I procure a  
copy for him. If you have what he desires and  
will send <sup>two copies</sup> the same to me, with the bill I will  
be thankful for the same. Res. B. H. Stinemetz



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Dec. 27th., 1887.

Dear Sir,

I called this eve-  
ning at No. 1223 13th. St.,  
but found that you had  
moved.

I saw my father in Phila-  
delphia yesterday and he  
asked me to call and  
see you and to say to you  
that he will sell the picture  
by Herzog to the Corcoran  
Gallery for \$600, and will



pay the expense of sending  
it to Philadelphia and  
returning it to the Gallery,  
having it retouched by  
Mr. Herzog in Phila.

The part to be retouched  
is the greenish appearance  
of the clouds in the corner  
at the left of the painting.  
The price of the picture  
asked by the artist twenty  
years ago in Düsseldorf  
was about eight hundred  
dollars in gold.

Please have the kindness to  
write to Mr. E. W. Bailey,  
2115 Spruce St. Philada.  
and let him know your

desires.

Yours respectfully,

P. W. Bailey.

Mr. Wm. MacLeod,  
Curator.



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2115 SPRUCE STREET

W Macdonald Esq  
Curator  
Scri

My son, Mr.  
B W Bailey, has sent me  
your letter concerning the  
Stargis Picture. Please have  
it carefully packed in its  
original case (if not des-  
troyed) and send to the  
Mcclus Co. Chicago St  
west of Broad, Philadel-  
phia, my son will see you  
probably before packing —  
send by Express with C.O.D  
for Express.

Truly Yours

E. W. Bailey



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CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Harrison Stettin P.

Residence Greenfield Hill, Conn.

Date Dec. 29. 1887

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Jan 5. 1888

Answered

SUBJECT.

Landscape for sale.

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John C. Johnson.

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Greenfield Hill Connecticut

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mrs W W Corcoran

Dear Sir

I have a fine  
painting to dispose of, and  
learning from the daily papers  
that you are constantly adding  
to the collection in your  
Art Gallery, I am induced  
to ask if you will not  
consider my picture for the  
same place.

It is a very pleasing  
picture, and is much  
admired by all who have

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seen it. - A few years ago  
we exhibited it at the  
Century Club N. Y. and it  
attracted much attention  
there. Artists have valued  
it at from 3000 to 5000  
and say there is a whole  
year's work upon it, as  
the picture is not signed.  
The Artists name is un-  
known to us. I Enclose  
a brief description of it.

Should you think favorably  
enough of it to have some  
one look at it. it can be  
seen at No 28 W. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Street New York City  
Office of H. G. Harrison

Necessity is the only inducement  
for parting with it, and  
I should be glad to have  
an offer for it

Very respectfully  
Yours  
Lettie J. Harrison



It is in perfect condition  
and it suggests Faints  
"English Merry Making in the  
Olden times" also Wilkie's  
"Village Pastor"

Description of Picture  
Size of Canvas 42 x 68. It  
is handsomely framed in  
gilt with shelter board.  
The scene is English Land-  
-scape with 42 distinct  
figures and represents  
a Merry Making about  
the time of George II

At the left of Canvas is  
a grand oak tree, whose  
spreading branches reach  
across the picture, at the  
foot stand three musicians  
playing for a party of



Peasants who are joyously  
engaged in a Country dance.

On the right is a quaint  
Inn, with a swinging  
sign, bearing the name  
of the "Royal Oak" in, and  
about it, are grouped many  
people - a few soldiers, &  
others wearing the King's  
colours upon their hats, at  
a table are seated, a groom,  
a soldier, & the County Inquire  
each enjoying the good cheer  
before them, in a distinctive  
manner.

In the foreground, and

nearly in centre of the picture  
stands a few peddler, showing  
his wares to a group of curious  
& interested women & children  
the expression upon their faces  
is admirable. a few children  
are carelessly playing in  
the foreground. Upon a  
rude bench or table is a  
jug of beer, and some  
beef & bread, refreshment  
for the musicians & poorer  
people. The landscape  
is very pleasing & the  
colouring rich. & the grouping  
& posing excellent.